

25 TAC §289.232 Draft Rule Change Summary

Title 25, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 289, Subchapter E, repeal and new of §289.232, concerning use of radiation dental machines, are necessary due to extensive revisions made throughout the section.

- This subchapter is all inclusive and mirrors 6 subsections that medical licensees are held to
 - Correct rule citation references and to mirror registration requirements in 25 TAC §289.226
 - Define registrant responsibilities to mirror 25 TAC § 289.226
 - Update fee requirements in 25 TAC §289.204
- Changes to be compatible with Code of Federal Regulations on x-ray machine technical requirements
- Reorganization of current requirements
- New requirements due to staff and stakeholder's input.
- Add and clarify definitions
- Update terminology
- Strengthen qualifications for radiation safety officers
- Require radiation safety officer to review operating and safety procedures at intervals not to exceed 12 months
- Clarify inspection compliance and hearing procedures
- Require an equipment performance evaluation be performed on radiation machines within 30 days of installation or reinstallation
- Clarify timelines and requirements for equipment performance evaluations (EPE) on the x-ray units
- Add safety requirements to Operating and Safety Procedures
- Add requirements for controlling operator's occupational radiation exposure
- Strengthen the requirements for digital imaging
- 4-year review of agency rules required by Texas Government Code §2001.039